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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Chinese Politics, Authoritarian Politics, Judicial Politics

Secondary: Text Analysis, Causal Inference

EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego

2020-2026

PhD in Political Science

Fields: Comparative Politics, Computational Social Sciences, Methods

Primary Advisors: Molly Roberts, Stephen Haggard, Ruixue Jia, Victor Shih

Duke University

2018-2020

M.A. in Political Science

Sun Yat-Sen University

2014-2018

B.A. in Public Administration (*Highest Honor*)

RESEARCH

How Much Should We Trust Instrumental Variable Estimates in Political Science? Practical Advice based on Over 60 Replicated Studies (with Apoorva Lal, Mackenzie Lockhart, Yiqing Xu) [Link](#) (*Conditionally Accepted at Political Analysis*)

How Does Turnover Distort Resource Allocation? Evidence from China's Public Procurement [Link](#) (Working Paper)

Citizens Aid Camera: How does Mass Participation Facilitate Digital Surveillance in China (Working Paper)

Fiscal Origin of Selective Legal Enforcement in Authoritarian Regimes (with Shengqiao Lin) (Working Paper)

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Latin America TA for US & Latin America: Political and Economic Relations

Fall 2020

TA for Japanese Politics: Development Perspective

Winter 2021

TA for Politics of Violence

Spring 2021

TA for Corruption in Developing Countries

Fall 2021

TA for Analyzing Politics

Winter 2022

TA for How to Win or Lose an Election

Fall 2022

TA for Politics of Immigration

Winter 2023

TA for Intro to Comparative Politics

Spring 2022, 2023

TA for Abuse of Power

Fall 2023

GRANTS AND AWARDS

International Institute Graduate Student Travel and Research Award, UCSD (\$2160)

2023

Ichimore Student Research Award, UCSD (\$2500)

2023

SHORE fellowship, UCSD

2020

Duke Student Assistance Fund (\$3000), Duke University

2020

Dean's Research Award for Masters Students Fellowship (\$1000), Duke University

2019

Alona Evans Endowment Research Grant (\$750), Duke University	2019
Outstanding Bachelor Thesis(1%), Sun Yat-Sen University	2018
National Social Science Grant (\$ 2000), China Education Ministry	2016
National Scholarship (Top 0.2% national-wide), China Education Ministry	2015
First Class Scholarship (Top 5% in university), Sun Yat-Sen University	2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Affiliate to 21st Centenary China Center, UCSD	2022-
Research associate, Intellisia Institute	2016-18
Mentor, Palmdrive	2023-

SKILLS

Python, R, Stata, GIS, L^AT_EX, Julia, Qualtrics
Mandarin (native) English

REFERENCES

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